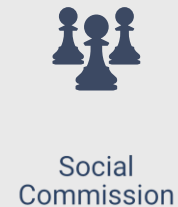


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18 July 2025, FIDE Council Meeting

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Social
Commission

01

Networking: Establish a global network of social chess enthusiasts, educators, and practitioners

02

Sustainability: The impact of the Social Chess Year will be beyond 2025

03

Global Outreach: Engage national federations, athletes, sponsors, and local communities worldwide

04

Research & Documentation: Conduct studies to showcase the impact of chess in various environments

The Social Chess Year 2025

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JANUARY

The World Social
Chess Initiatives
Marathon: 19.01.

FEBRUARY

Research Conference 22.02.
Related Project: 2-3 research
projects on chess impact
Infinite Conference in Abu Dhabi
03.-05.02.

MARCH

Elderly Chess Programs:
online conference on chess
for elderly. Related project –
Chess for Elderly

APRIL

Infinite Chess Month:
2.04. (TBC) online
conference

MAY

Chess For Freedom: Continental
Championship; In-presence
workshops/conferences

JUNE

Chess for Protection:
activations on 20.06.
International Refugees
Day

JULY

Chess against
Addiction
Chess Day 20th July

AUGUST
Women in Chess

SEPTEMBER

Chess in Education: Chess in
Education Workshops in

OCTOBER

Chess and Health, Habitat and
Inclusion.
Chess for Individuals with disabilities,
Chess Paralympiad
The 5th Chess for Freedom
Championship

NOVEMBER

Social Chess Conference
(India - TBC)
Documentary Film
Competition

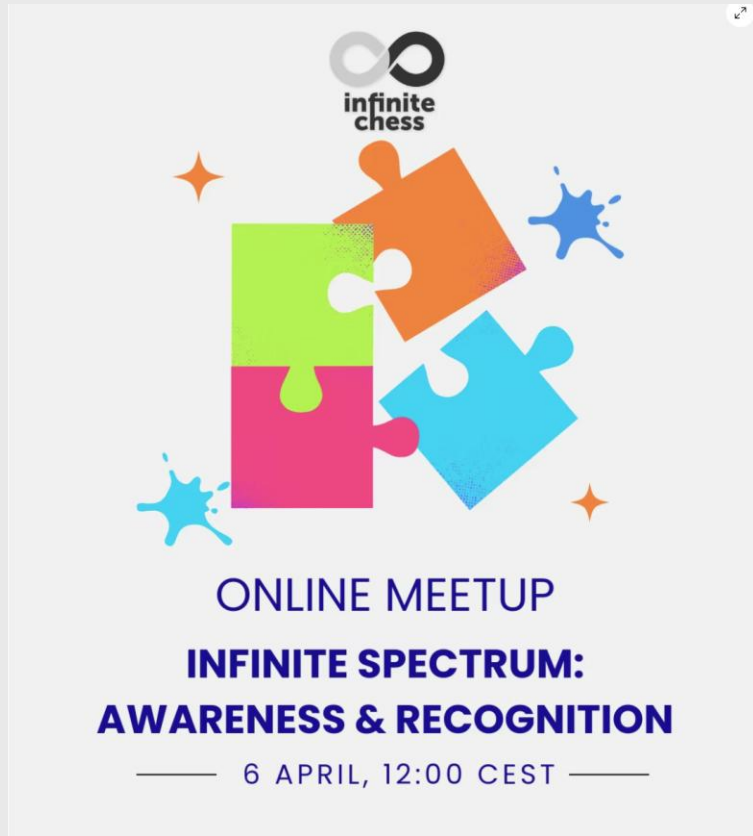
DECEMBER

A review of the year's
progress.

Highlight Events during the 2nd Quarter of the Year

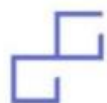
April - Autism Awareness Month

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May - Continental Prisons Championships

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CHESS
FOR FREEDOM

FIRST CONTINENTAL ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR PRISONERS

Africa – May 13, 2025
Americas – May 16, 2025
Europe – May 20, 2025
Asia – May 23, 2025



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Workshop and Continental Chess
Championship for Americas

Mexico
May 14-18, 2025



June - International Refugee Day Celebration in Kakuma and Kalobeyei

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Ongoing Activities

FIDE Social Awards

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FIDE Outstanding Contribution to Social Chess
Award 2025 - Nomination Form

Certificates of Appreciation - FIDE
Year of Social Chess 2025



FIDE Outstanding Contribution to Social Chess Award 2025



A special FIDE awards to be granted by each federation to their national social initiatives

Movie Contest

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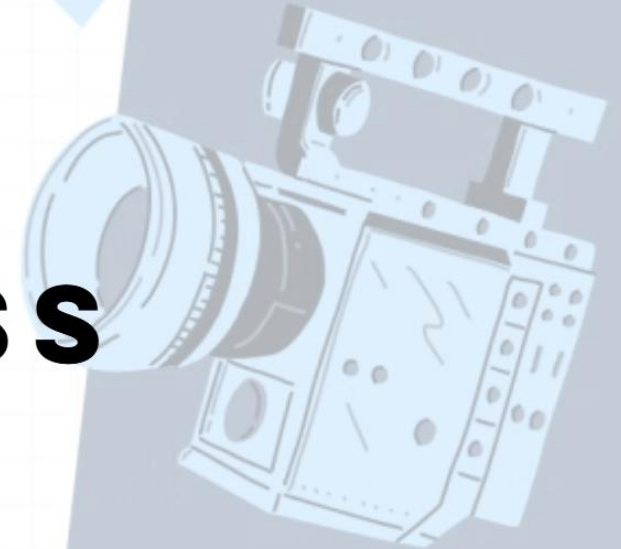
Chess is more than just a game—it's a catalyst for personal transformation, social connection, and opportunity. The FIDE Social Chess Storytelling Challenge invites creators from around the world to share powerful, real-life stories that showcase the game's impact on individuals and communities.

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FIDE SOCIAL CHESS STORYTELLING CHALLENGE

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GAMBIT CHESS CLUB HUȘI
IS TRANSFORMING YOUNG LIVES
ACROSS RURAL ROMANIA



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CHESS FOR CHANGE
IS TRANSFORMING LIVES ACROSS
INDIA'S RURAL YOUTH

July – the month of recovery

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A portrait of Lance Wilson, a man with grey hair wearing a blue button-down shirt, smiling. The photo is set against a black background with a jagged, star-like border.

JULY

**SPOTLIGHT: FROM TRAUMA
TO HEALING – THROUGH CHESS**

ONLINE BRIEFING + INTERVIEW WITH AUTHOR LANCE WILSON

 Date: Friday, 25th July |  Time: 18:00 CET |  Duration: 45 minutes |  Zoom Session

This session is part of FIDE's Chess for Recovery initiative under the Social Chess Year 2025.

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A photograph of a woman with curly hair, seen from the side, playing chess on a board. The photo is set against a black background with a jagged, star-like border.

JULY

MONTH OF RECOVERY

JOIN OUR INTERNATIONAL MASTER CLASS SERIES



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INTERNATIONAL CHESS DAY

20 JULY



International Chess Day: Creative Chess Challenge

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International Chess Day: Social Chess Online Tournament

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**INTERNATIONAL
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20 JULY

**GET YOUR
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INTERNATIONAL CHESS DAY:

**TEACH SOMEONE
TO PLAY CHESS**

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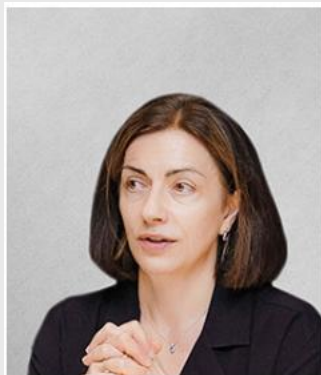
INTERNATIONAL CHESS DAY:

**GLOBAL OVER-THE-
BOARD EVENTS**

Upcoming Events in the 3rd Quarter of the Year

Education Summit 2025

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FIDE 2nd Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities 2025

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19-26 October 2025,
Astana Kazakhstan

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